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What is claimed is:

Claims

1. A method for communicating with an Information Management System (IMS) using eXtensible Markup Language (XML) documents, the method comprising:

receiving a document comprising an IMS transaction definition encoded in XML;

obtaining a Document Type Definition (DTD) specifying rules for decoding the IMS transaction definition;

parsing the XML document using the DTD to decode the IMS transaction
 definition; and

providing the decoded IMS transaction definition to the IMS.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the IMS transaction definition comprises an APPLCTN macro.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the IMS transaction definition comprises a TRANSACT macro.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the DTD comprises an XML Metadata Interchange (XMI) DTD.

1 a parser configured to obtain a Document Type Definition (DTD) specifying
2 rules for decoding the IMS transaction definition and further
3 configured to parse the XML document using the DTD to decode the
4 IMS transaction definition; and
5 an IMS interface module configured to provide the decoded IMS transaction
6 definition to the IMS.

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8 9. The system of claim 8, wherein the IMS transaction definition
9 comprises an APPLCTN macro.

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11 10. The system of claim 8, wherein the IMS transaction definition
12 comprises a TRANSACT macro.

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14 11. The system of claim 8, wherein the DTD comprises an XML Metadata
15 Interchange (XMI) DTD.

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17 12. The system of claim 8, wherein the document reception module
18 comprises an IMS gateway.

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20 13. The system of claim 8, further comprising:
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1 a modeling tool configured to model an IMS transaction definition in a
2 Universal Modeling Language (UML) to produce a UML object
3 model; and

4 an XML Metadata Interchange (XMI) utility configured to process the UML
5 object model to create the DTD.
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8 14. The system of claim 8, wherein the parser is further configured to
9 obtain a DTD specifying rules for encoding an IMS transaction definition as an XML
10 document and to parse the IMS transaction definition using the DTD.
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12 15. An article of manufacture comprising a program storage medium
13 readable by a processor and embodying one or more instructions executable by the
14 processor to perform a method for communicating with an Information
15 Management System (IMS) using eXtensible Markup Language (XML) documents,
16 the method comprising:

17 receiving a document comprising an IMS transaction definition encoded in
18 XML;

19 obtaining a Document Type Definition (DTD) specifying rules for decoding
20 the IMS transaction definition;
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1 parsing the XML document using the DTD to decode the IMS transaction
2 definition; and
3 providing the decoded IMS transaction definition to the IMS.
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6 16. The article of manufacture of claim 15, wherein the IMS transaction
7 definition comprises an APPLCTN macro.
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9 17. The article of manufacture of claim 15, wherein the IMS transaction
10 definition comprises a TRANSACT macro.
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12 18. The article of manufacture of claim 15, wherein the DTD comprises an
13 XML Metadata Interchange (XMI) DTD.
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16 19. The article of manufacture of claim 15, wherein the receiving step
17 comprises receiving the document at an IMS gateway.
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19 20. The article of manufacture of claim 15, wherein the obtaining step
20 comprises:
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1 modeling the IMS transaction definition in a Universal Modeling Language
2 (UML) to produce a UML object model;
3 processing the UML object model using an XML Metadata Interchange
4 (XMI) utility to create the DTD.
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7 21. The article of manufacture of claim 15, the method further comprising:
8 obtaining an IMS transaction definition;
9 obtaining a Document Type Definition (DTD) specifying rules for encoding
10 the IMS transaction definition; and
11 parsing the IMS transaction definition with the DTD to encode the IMS
12 transaction definition in an XML document.
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